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Chief of Procurement

Additional Procurement Authority Determined to be Necessary in the Public Interest During the Period of a National Emergency Declared by the President or the Congress

1. Under Section 1.C.(3) of the CIA Regulation [redacted], the subject procurement authority contained in 1.C.(2)(a) apparently contemplates certain written instructions to implement it. Presumably, the intent was to redelegate this authority if and when circumstances required it. 25X1A

2. The urgency and magnitude of the Agency's procurement program, in many ways comparable to that of the Armed Services, now makes it most essential that the subject authority be redelegated to the Chief of Procurement within such limitations, dollar or otherwise, as may be determined desirable. This will permit contracts to be let more efficiently, effectively, and to the best interest of the Government during the period of the National Emergency.

3. Of necessity some of the safeguards and reviews which normally surround contracting activities will be relaxed where the subject authority is applied. As a consequence this will place greater responsibility on those exercising the additional authority. The undersigned is prepared to accept this responsibility and exercise it diligently and prudently with due regard to the necessary procedural control including the preparation and execution of findings of fact, justification, etc.

4. It should be emphasized that it is not proposed to use the subject authority where existing regulations are adequate. They are not adequate, however, to meet some of the Agency's most important operating requirements which demand immediate purchase action outside the limitations normal to peacetime procurement activities. I refer particularly to the "crash" situations that develop in connection with our overseas operations.

5. The determinations required by Section 1.C.(3) of the CIA Regulations with respect to sub-paragraphs (2)(h) and (2)(i) shall not be affected by the redelegation of the subject authority.

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